

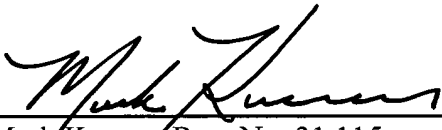
**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

The action by the Examiner in this application, together with the references cited by him have been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claims 1-5, 12, 27 and 29-31 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 12. Claims 8-10 and 24-26 have been amended to be dependent upon allowed claims.

It is believed that claims 6-11 and 13-26 are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 17, 2005

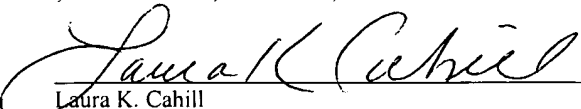
  
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